Leaning minarets of TAJ

*134. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leading experts have studied the leaning minarets of Taj;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the recommendations so far received from the experts; and

(d) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has requested the Survey of India, to Dehadu to conduct a study on the verticaiity of the four minarets of Taj Mahal. The study was undertaken by the Geodetic and Research Branch of the Survey of India during March-April, 2005.

Their report has since been received wherein it is concluded that the minarets of Taj Mahal were found to be quite stable.

New security equipments at airports

*135. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to prepare a security blueprint for all major airports and also install Bio Matrix Equipments and CCTV facility;

(b) if so, what is the time frame for these security arrangements to become functional at all major airports; and

(c) what is the *modus operandi* of this hi-tech security facility along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to install security equipments like Bio-metric access control system, Explosive detection equipment, CCTV, Perimeter intrusion detection system etc. at all the major airports in the country. These equipments will be installed in a phased manner.